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9TH AEROSPACE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER TO SPEAK AT PPRAA MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

"Commuications in the Space Age" will be explained by Maj. R. I. Rabago, communications officer for the U. S. Air Force 9th Aerospace Defense Division, Ent Air Firce Base, at the May meeting of the PPRAA, Wednesday, May 8, at the Red Cross Center, 1600 N. Cascade, starting at 8 p. m.

According to Max Main, WØBDH, who arranged the program, Maj. Rabago is an authority on the new techniques in communication with satellites in space and has stated that he will give a discussion of this form of communications that will be of interest to amateur radio operators.

The major's discussion should prove and interesting one, especially with the gwoing interest among radio ham operators in communications with such satellites as the "Oscars."

There will be the usual door prizes with the club's Special Committee on hand with the usual coffee and refreshments. Don't Miss this one!!

ARMED FORCES DAY CROSSBAND MILITARY-AMATEUR COMMUNICATIONS TESTS ARE SCHEDULED MAY 18

According to the Colorado/Wyoming Army MARS Newsletter, the Army, Navy and Air Force Departments will conduct communications tests between U. S. amateur radio operators and selected military communications stations on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 18.

"The Department of Defense, recognizing the abilities of the amateur radio operator, makes available the facilities of major military communication stations on Armed Forces Day to adequately demonstrate to the civilian community the desire to witness further expansion of the technical contributions and international goodwill rendered as a general public service by the joint effort of military and amateur communicators," it was stated.

The military stations participating in the military-to-amateur crossband operation and receiving contests are: NSS, WAR and AIR, Washington, D. C., and NPG, San Francisco.

Amateurs establishing a two-way

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The PPRAA meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Red Cross Center, 1600 N. Cascade Ave., starting at 8 p.m. All radio amateurs and other interested persons are invited.

COPY DEADLINE for the JUNE ZERO BEAT will be May 29.

Editorial

ARE WE 'SLIPPING?'

During my recent visit to my former home in Portland, Oregon, I visited one of the radio stores there which caters to the "ham" trade.

During a talk with the manager, a former "ham associate" during my amateur activities while in that city, I learned that the recent changes and "restrictions" in ham radio "were having a bad effect on business" at the store.

Perhaps it is erroneous to base a general idea that what affects this one store must also be hurting similiar radio distributors.

If this is true, however, it is "a sad commentary" on the present day amateur radio operator, a lack of that "spirit of overcoming obstacles'" that has characterized amateur operators in the past.

Has "today's radio amateur operator" adopted the "easy way" attitude? Does he merely want to "get on the air" with no thought of furthering his knowledge in the field of radio? Has today's ease of merely writing a check and buying ready-made gear eroded his understanding of what he is actually doing when he gets "on the air"? Is he too "lazy"--mentally or physically--to exert himself to hold on to those "privileges" granted by the FCC? Has he become the type of operator which the editor of one amateur radio publication refers to as an "appliance operator"?

Perhaps many of today's operators think of the "old timers" as something of the past. But they had something many of today's operators seem to lack. Many of them built their rigs from parts and in so doing understood what they were doing when they turned on their rigs.

Perhaps that "adventuresome spirit" which marked the enthusiasm of the "old timers" in learning all they could about dadio communication is what is needed today---a resurgence of the desire to "tackle" any obstacles that might come up in the way of new regulations, a desire to demonstrate an appreciation of the privileges of amateur radio and a desire to learn everything possible about it.

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Our hard working secretary, Rosie, WAØMNL and her OM, Eldon, WAØ-ERA, have combined typing and mimeographing efforts to put out the latest list of PPRAA members. The list is being mailed as part of this Zero Beat.

Frank - WØHWH

DIGEST OF ARRL BULLETINS

Following is a digest of Bulletins 159 through 165:

(159) On March 12, by a voice vote, the House of Representatives passed HR 14910 which would give the FCC power to control the manufacture, distribution and sale of electrical devices capable of causing interference to radio communications. The measure then went to the Senate. Details are in May QST.

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(160) FCC has made minor amendments to rules governing moving a station fr om one permant address to another. An application for modification must be submitted within four months after the move, and before any operation takes place from the new address. However, there is no time limit on operating portable once the application has been filed. and the operator need send a notice only to the district engineer having jurisdiction over the new address. See May QST.

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(161) Field Day 1968, June 22 and 23, will incorporate a number of new features. Class D and E homw stations are combined into one category eligible for the d. c. input and emergency power multipliers. The Field Day period will be limited to 27 hours, including set-up time. Power multipliers have been rearranged to break at 10, 50 and 200 watts. Increased points for traffic and 100 per cent emergency power will be offered. Full rules are in May QST.

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(162) The first edition of the ARRL directory of stations active on 220 Mc. and higher is available. Information includes station, location and bands as well as operator interests in meteor scatter, moonbounce and Oscar work. Also details on antenna information. Copies may be obtained, without charge, by sending a large self-addressed envelope, with 12 cents postage, to ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, Conn. 06111.

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(163) May first was the pre-registration deadline for the 1968 ARRL National Convention to be held in San Antonio, Tex., June 7-9. The San Antonio Radio Club is host for the affair which has as its theme "The World of Communication."

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(164) ARRL, the Radio Society of Ontario and Radio Amateur du Quebec - Inc., have met with Canadian Dept. of Transport officials to protest the increase in Canadian license fees from $2.50 to $10 a year, with an additional fee of $6 for amendments such as a change of address. The amendment in fees, approved by the cabinet, will require further approval for any possible change.

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(165) FCC has amended the amateur rules, effective July 1, providing additional privileges in 1800-200 kHz. The action grants substantial increases in available frequency segments as well as power in most areas of the U. S. Full details will be in June QST.

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JUNE 1968 DATES TO REMEMBER

June 7, 8, 9--ARRL National Convention, San Antonio, Texas

June 13-16---International RL/YL Convention, Denver, Colo.

June 29-30--Rocky Mountain Division ARRL Convention, Cheyenne, Wyo.

June 22, 23--Field Day.

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June 15--Wedding of Bonnie Walters WAØKMS, and Larry Lewis, WA6BCG/WAØDGL, 3 p. m. at St. Mary's in Colorado Springs.

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And don't forget that in May, June, or any other month, PPRAA meetings are always on the second Wednesday!!!

ROSIE'S REPORTINGS

By Rosemarie Lewis WAØMNL

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A 1964 ARRL Handbook is needed by the Deaf and Blind School for their teaching of theory. Anyone having one they can donate or loan, please contact John Summers, WAØHHN, or Bill Haskin, KØCEN, andthey will see that it gets to the right person.

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Harold Stewart, WØELE, is getting a boat in readiness for summer fishing trips, in hopes he can fish out a few pals.

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Rudy Wroblewski, WAØPJG, has a new Swan 500--and likes it fb.

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The club has a QSL card for WØLDU. Would appreciate a call from anyone knowing him.

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Congrats to John Summers Jr., WAØHHO, who has earned the rank of Seaman 3rd Class in "Uncle Sam's Navy." John is stationed at Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay.

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Also congrats to Mrs. Nona Whitlach, who received the call WNØUEE. Nona says the only phonetics she can think of are "Unefficient Efficiency Expert," otherwise known as "mother."

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Two telephone poles are available FREE at the Colorado Springs QTH of Scotty Kenton, KØTRM, 2201 Alpine Dr. The telephone is 634-9638. Scotty says they make fb antenna poles and can be hauled in a pickup by placing one end over the cab.

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Pete Demario, KØUDG, spent two weeks in California on Navy duty and kept skeds with the XYL, Ida, WAØNTA, and friends here.

Rudy Wroblewski, WAØPJG, tells us a bit about the Cracker Netof which he is a regular checkin. The net meets Monday through Thursday on 3977, beginning at midnight, Mountain Time, and has a membership of 685 The net is primarily for RCC, but handles some traffic and phone patches. A number system is used for checking in and once more than 100 members were logged in, in less than 30 minutes. Rudy calls it a "get acquainted net." Stations check in from all over the USA and some DX as well. This is a dandy net for you early risers or late night owls as the net runs from midnight until about 3:30 a.m.

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Scotty Kenton, KØTRM, reports he is enjoying his work as a program director of the Boy Scouts in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but misses family, friends and the Colorado mountains. He says Cedar Rapids seems to have an abundance of amateurs as he noticed a lot of antennas while driving through town. Also wonders how many of them might be connectedto Collins gear as Cedar Rapids is the QTH of the Collins factory.

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A card received from the widow Don Murray, one of the club's charter members who passed away recently, states: "The flowers were beautiful and are beautiful still. Don would be very pleased to know you rememberd. I believe he does know and that he appreciates. ---Lucille"

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It was learned from ARRL sources that the FCC said it has already considered, and rejected, such concepts as (1) Technician Class operation in the 10 meter band; (2) A reduction in code speed requirements for General Class; (3) A code-free license for operation in the 2 meter band; (4) A five-year term for Novice Class license.

FORMER PPRAA MEMBER
SUBJECT OF NEWSPAPER STORY

Art Geyer, W8SWW, a former very active member of the PPRAA, and now president of the Milford (Mich.) Amateur radio Operators Club, and the message-handling activites of the club were featured in a lengthy story recently in the Milford Times.

The story highlighted the fact that the club had offered to send radiograms to servicemen overseas from people in the area and devoted the major portion of a full page to the club and amateur radio.

The article explained MARS, the handling of messages, a detailed explanation of amateur radio communications and radio terminology.

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I AM A 'TIRED AMERICAN'

(From the Denver Radio Club's "Round Table" which reprinted the following "in part from the Rock County Star-Herald, Luverne, Minnesota.")

I'm tired of being called the "Ugly American." I'm tired of having the world panhandlers use my country as a whipping boy 365 days a year.

I am a "tired American," weary of having American embassies and information centers stoned, burned and sacked by mobs operating under orders from dictators who preach peace and breed conflict.

I ana a "tired American," weary of the beatniks who say they should have the right to determine what laws of the land they should obey.

I'm tired of these "artists" who scavenge in the cess pools for inspiration and who refuse to look up at the stars.

I am a "tired American," weary of the bums who tramp the picket line and the sitins who prefer Chinese Communism to capitalism, who see no evil in Castro but sneer as President Johnson as a "threat to peace."

I am a "tired American," who is angered by the self-righteous "breast-beater" critics of America, at home and abroad, who set impossible yardsticks for the United States but never apply the same standards to the French, the British, the Russians or the Chinese.

I am a "tired American," real tired of those who are trying to sell me the belief that America is not the greatest nation in the world . . . A generous nation trying to help the "have nots" achieve some of the good things that our system of free enterprise brought about.

I am a "tired American," who gets a lump in his throat when he hears the "Star Spangled Banner" and who holds back the tears when he hears those chilling high notes of the brassy trumpets when Old Glory reaches the top of the flag pole.

I am a "tired American," who thanks a merciful Lord that he was so lucky to be born an American citizen . . . a nation under God . . . with truly mercy and justice for all . . .

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(While making up the club roster, Rosie came up with the following "weighty thoughts" that she almost dared us to put into print. Following are a few--we may get up enough nerve to print more next month--Editor)

Larry's theme song is "Bring Back My Bonnie to Me."

Rudolf, PJG, should be Santa's helper in "Operation Santa Claus."

Frank wishes that at Zero Beat deadline time he had a Craw full.

On Drakeston Drive, "The Ole Gray Mayer 'Art'nt!"

At the Stockton qth, there are seven little Oaks to water and feed.

(Continued next month--perhaps!)

ARMED FORCES DAY SKEDS

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contact with participating military stations will receive a specially designed QSL card confirming crossband communications.

For those demonstrating proficiency by receiving a perfect copy of the Sec. of Defense originated CW and/or RTTY message(s) transmitted during the receiving portion of the communications tests, a special Department of Defense certificate will be awarded.

FOR SALE

Hallicrafter Ham Receiver SX101A with matching speaker 50R. Extra tubes. Manual and cables. Ken Fry, 596-1096

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Hornet beam (make an offer). TA 33A Tri-band beam $25. WA6HKL, Mary Jolly, 596-3440

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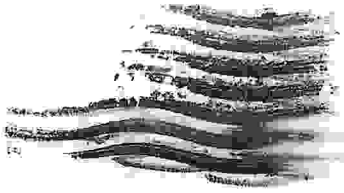
"We each have two ears and one mouth, so we should listen twice as much as we speak"

---Calif. Radio Council "Circle"



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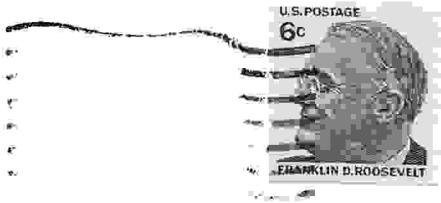

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